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Pie!!

Courtney Pityer

With Thanksgiving coming soon, there are many people who are looking for some desserts to eat after they finish eating turkey. Many people like to eat pie but there is one pie that many people enjoy to eat, Pumpkin Sweet Potato Coconut Pie.

The recipe first starts out with a colonial pumpkin custard, which is seasoned with cinnamon and allspice. Then the pie is mixed in with sweet potatoes. Then the pie is stirred with coconut milk and is given a vanilla scented coconut topping.

When you have everything put together, preheat the oven to 350°F. Combine the sweet potatoes, reserved syrup, coconut milk, pumpkin, brown sugar, melted butter, two eggs, cinnamon, ginger, and allspice and put all of the ingredients into a work bowl of a food processor. Then mix

until all the ingredients are completely smooth, which takes about one minute. After that, line the pie plate with prepared crust and crimp the edges.

After you have filled the crust with the filling, bake for forty-five minutes. Meanwhile, mix one egg, coconut, corn syrup, and vanilla in a mixing bowl until well combined. Then take the pie out of the oven and spread the rest of the filling over the surface of the baked filling. Then return the pie to the oven and bake until the pie is golden brown. Then take the pie out and wait an hour for the pie cool before serving.

If you are looking for more recipes, check out Mealtime.org for more yummy Thanksgiving desserts.

Thanksgiving facts

Courtney Schneider

Here are some interesting Thanksgiving and turkey facts:

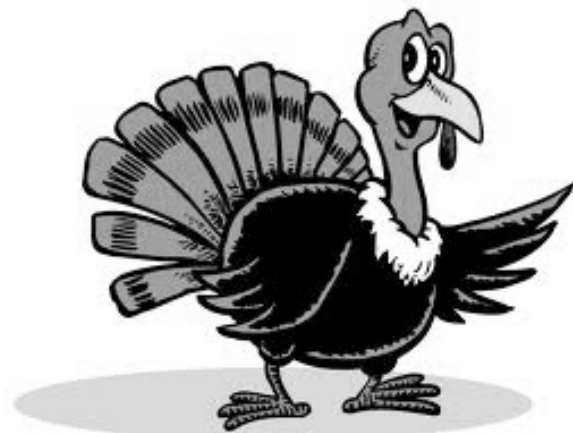
- * 91% of Americans eat turkey on Thanksgiving Day.
- * Turkey under 16 weeks old is called a fryer.
- * Turkeys can drown if they look up while it's raining.
- * Ben Franklin wanted the turkey to become the national bird.
- * Turkeys can have a heart attack if their sound barrier is broken.

* A wild turkey's vision is about 270 degrees.

* In 1941, Thanksgiving became a national holiday celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November.

"I can not wait to see my family and eat lots of good food.... YUMMY!" Alexa Studer quoted.

"The day after Thanksgiving I'm having half Thanksgiving and half Christmas," Mrs. Will said August Thronson quoted, "I will be working."



Harley Davidson

August Thronsdon

What's that I hear, is it a bird? Is it a plane? Wait, no, it's a...Harley.

That very distinctive noise is now going to be ringing in the ears of people in India, now that Harley Davidson is going to be building and selling their bikes there to help start their international sales. So far there are five dealerships.

Harley Davidson's plan is to make the parts here and ship them to India to put together and sell in the dealerships. The ideas behind having them build

them there is that they are hoping it will boost the economy by giving jobs.

Back in 2007, India made a trade agreement that they would export mangoes to America in exchange for the United States to export Harley Davidsons. India is the second fastest growing two-wheeler market in the world, behind China. The plant is expected to be up and running in the northern Indian state of Haryana in the first half of 2011.



GO, FIGHT, WIN!!!!

Shannon Koestler

They're back to help cheer the basketball teams to victory! As of November 8th, the basketball cheerleaders have officially started practice.

There are five girls on the team: Macie Foster, Madison Jennings, Rachel Hoskins, Taylor Schealler, and Morgan Schealler. Taylor Schealler and Rachel Hoskins have been basketball cheerleaders for four years. Macie Foster has been a Varsity basketball cheerleader for two years. Madison Jennings has been a basketball cheerleader for two years also, but was on JV last year. This is Morgan Schealler's first time being on the cheerleading team.

Sandy Hoskins will be coaching the cheerleaders again this year. "It's an interesting and exciting way to meet new people," said Madison Jennings.

Snuggies for sale! The basketball cheerleaders are selling Snuggies. Anyone can get one, they are \$20, and you just need to talk to one of the cheerleaders mentioned above. They are black and have the Algona High School logo on them.

On November 23, the very first girls' Varsity basketball game will be held at home. Make sure you go, so the team knows they have your support. Help the cheerleaders cheer them on to victory.

'Tis almost the season

Richie Baxter

Who would believe that Christmas is already just around the corner? Sure, it's only November. Families are usually using this time preparing for their get-togethers and Thanksgiving dinners.

Following the Thursday of Thanksgiving, however, is Black Friday. Arguably the busiest and most dreaded business day of the year, this day marks the frantic beginning of the Christmas shopping season.

In 2008, crazy customers who smashed through the store's front doors trampled a Walmart employee to death. The same day, two men had a fatal shoot-out at a Toys "R" Us in California.

Why would people

go so far as to end human lives to obtain the gifts their children, spouses, or friends want? Because giving to others and generosity is the true spirit of Christmas, of course.

A random survey was taken to see what people are going to be crazy for this holiday season. Members of the AHS staff and student body were asked what they're wanting under the Christmas tree this year. Common answers to this survey included computers or GPS systems for college, money, gift cards, new clothes and video games. However, the most common answer found in AHS was chocolate. "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth," says Bryce Hickman.

Fall Sports Banquet

Katie Green

The Fall Sports Banquet honors athletes who are involved in fall sports.

On Monday, November 15th, the first part of the fall banquet will be held. Students who were involved in volleyball, swimming, and cross country will be honored for their accomplishments.

On Tuesday, November 16th, the second part of the fall banquet will be held. The students who were in football and cheerleading will reminisce on their season.

Senior volleyball player, Connor Barber, said, "I want a deviled egg really bad!"

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Diet vs. regular

Carly Sansone

Many people drink diet and regular pop daily, but if they have to pick between the two, which one would they prefer? In a survey of 50 people, three out of four people liked regular pop over diet pop.

Diet pop seems to be the healthier choice between the two. However, just because diet pop doesn't have any calories and it has no real sugar in it doesn't make it healthier. Since diet pop is considered healthy in some people's eyes, they tend to drink more of it. Diet pop gets addicting, causing it to be less healthy than regular pop.

Regular pop, on the

other hand, isn't healthy either, but there is a big difference between the two. Regular pop is considered healthier because it gives you a full feeling, which causes you to drink less of it. Yes, regular pop has calories and a ton of sugar in it, but it is the healthier choice by that fact.

All in all, people shouldn't drink pop at all. Connor Barber stated, "Diet Mountain Dew makes me want to barf." There are many other beverages to choose from that would be a healthier choice besides pop. It's okay to have one pop here or there, but try to avoid it as much as you can.

Saw 3D

Alexa Studer

The final chapter of the *Saw* series is in 3D and came out October 29th. This was the 7th movie, finalizing the series of torture.

It starts off with the whole town watching the "game" rather than the players being hidden and not able to be found. Like all the other *Saw* movies, the 7th one was very gruesome and kept you on the edge of your seat. Every scene is

very detailed, leading you on to the next one.

The bad thing about going to this film is it's a pointless extra \$3 for 3D. It only shows interesting 3D parts in the previews and a few times with things being thrown at you in the movie.

Although you may want to close your eyes; you have to pay attention to know what is going on!

Exceptional coach and teacher

Connor Barber

Did you know Mr. Connick has been teaching for 20 years and coaching for 25 years? He started his teaching career at a small high school in Walthill, Nebraska. Then he came to Algona, Iowa, where he has been teaching for the past 16 years.

When asked why he went into teaching, Connick said he had many influential teachers, with his Ag teacher being the most inspiring.

His love of sports,

competition, and his dad are what got him into coaching. He has coached softball, baseball, golf, basketball, football, and track. His favorite sport to coach is the girls' track team. He likes being able to work with all the great coaches. For the 2010 track season, Mr. Connick and Mr. Yi received the 3A Regional Coaches of the Year award.

One of Connick's most memorable sports moments was receiving the

Conference and Regional championship titles for girls' track last season. Though, he says, "Any time an athlete performs above expectations, it's memorable."

Mr. Connick says his favorite part about Algona High is the awesome students. Also, that when teachers come here they enjoy it so much that they stay until they retire.

During his 20 years of teaching, Connick has received many awards,

including Northeast Nebraska Teacher of the Year, VFW Outstanding Educator award, Isaac Walton League Teacher of the Year, 1979 Alumni Teacher award, and Iowa Preserve America Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

Not only is he a successful coach and history teacher, but he is also an inspiring person.



Dancing solo

Abby Foertsch

Members of the dance team traveled to Pella on November 6th to compete in a solo dance competition. This is the first time in school history where six of the dance team members have competed. This competition was to show off their solo and to be judged.

AHS participants in this event were AnnaLise Manske, Emily Grandgenett, Taylor Setzer, Taylor Schealler, Chyan Metzger, and Jenna Thul. AnnaLise Manske received a Division I rating, and the others received Division II ratings. To earn a Division I rating you needed to receive 60 points from the judges. When talking to Taylor Schealler, she said her performance was ok, and Chyan Metzger said that her

performance was ok, but it could have gone better.

Former AHS student Alexa Kent coaches the drill team. This is Alexa's first year as the drill team's head coach. Alexa said, "The girls did great. They gave their all, and they had good stage presence." Alexa was also asked what the difference between coaching and performing was and she said, "There is a long list of differences, but examples are the school rules that need to be followed, there is no tap, no ballet, and it's not in a studio."

The drill team will be showing off their State routines during the half time of the first basketball game, which is November 23rd. Come to the game and support the drill team.

All-Star game

Brittany Vaske

Although the Algona volleyball season has ended, two players from the team will find themselves playing in the All-Star volleyball match in Carroll, Iowa, on November 20. Brittany Vaske and Laura TerHark have been selected to the senior All-Star team for the 2010 season.

Brittany and Laura will travel to Carroll on the 19th, stay over night, and get to meet their teams they will be playing with the following evening.

Each year, high school coaches put in their nominations of players they believe applicable to perform in this game by sending in videotapes and statistics. From there, a committee gets to together to pick out the top 32 players from combined class divisions 4A, 3A, 2A, and 1A. The 32 girls

are selected and divided up on four teams: the Bulldogs, Panthers, Cyclones, and Hawkeyes. Laura TerHark will perform on the Bulldog team while Brittany Vaske will compete on the Hawkeye team, although she is a Cyclone at heart.

In years past, there have been other Algona volleyball athletes selected for this achievement. These other players include Anna Johnson, 1991; Jill Farnham, 1993; Jennifer Nettleton, 1994; Jessica Keehn, 1996; Tessa Van Oosbree, 2002; Melanie Hackbarth and Hanna Simonson, 2005; Natalie Hackbarth, 2009; Brittany Vaske and Laura TerHark in 2010.

Laura TerHark states, "I am very excited to play with other athletes from different schools; it will be fun."

A great weekend for college football

John Krause

This week was a very exciting week of college football. The Iowa Hawkeyes lost to unranked Northwestern. The Hawkeyes didn't play as well as they have in the previous weeks even though their play was anything but sharp. The Hawkeyes lost 21-17. It was a real nail biter! The game finished with the Hawkeyes allowing 14 unanswered points in the fourth quarter. Zach McKenna said, "The Hawks looked like the Bills on Saturday."

Iowa State also lost to a team they should have

won against. Colorado was coming in with a winless record in the Big 12. Colorado beat the Cyclones 34-14. This was a big game for the Cyclones, as they needed to come out with a win in order to become bowl eligible. Now to become bowl eligible they have to beat 15th ranked Missouri.

This week most of the top teams won. Notre Dame dominated Utah after losing to Tulsa. USC upset Arizona. Number 1 Oregon almost lost to California.



Above: From left to right: Emily Grandgenett, Taylor Setzer, Taylor Schealler, Jenna Thul, AnnaLise Manske, and Chyan Metzger with their coach, Alexa Kent, at State Solo Dance.